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West Virginia
Economic Summary

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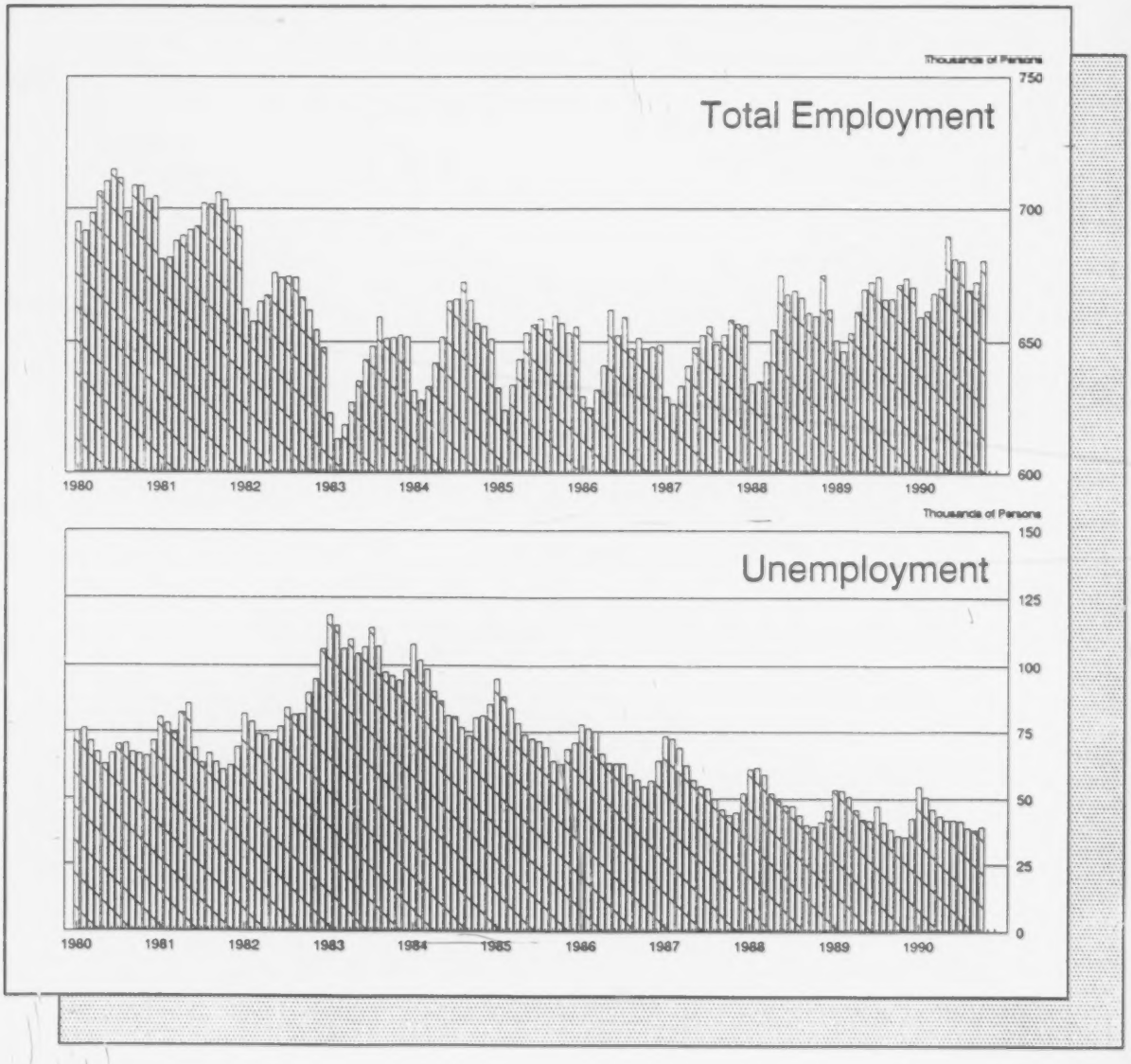

West Virginia Economic Indicators

	Oct. 1990	Sept. 1990	Oct. 1989
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.6	41.1	41.3
Seasonally Adjusted	40.6	41.2	41.3
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,666	2,694	2,775
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$476.64	$475.53	$462.56
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	44.8	45.6	43.7
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$799.23	$818.06	$769.12
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	15,407	13,377	14,597
Seasonally Adjusted	14,072	12,837	13,332
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,081	1,147	1,069
Seasonally Adjusted	1,148	1,144	1,135
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	8,093	6,149	8,196
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,216	927	927
Seasonally Adjusted	1,284	1,179	979
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,847	1,348	1,370
Seasonally Adjusted	2,231	1,876	1,655
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.3	2.2	2.1
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.0	2.8
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	6.5	6.2	6.1

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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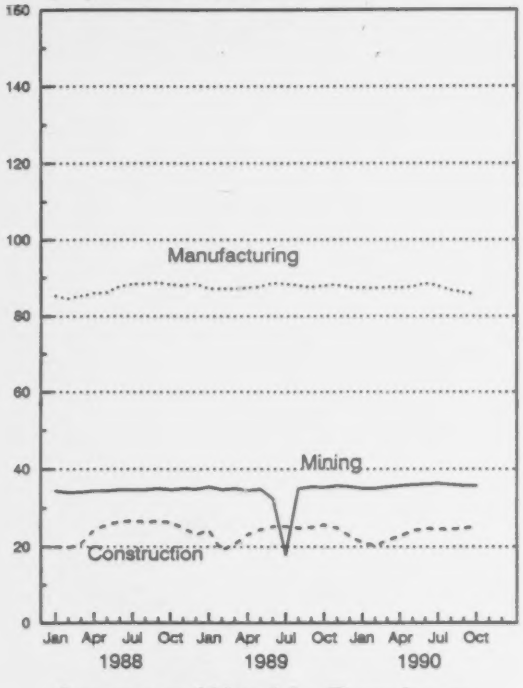
Selected National Data

	Oct. 1990	Sept. 1990	Oct. 1989
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.4	5.5	5.0
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.7	5.3
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	133.5	132.7	125.6
1967 Base	400.0	397.5	376.2
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.3	120.3	114.9
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	356.0	322.9	281.5
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.1	2.0	1.9
Seasonally Adjusted	2.6	2.4	2.2

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

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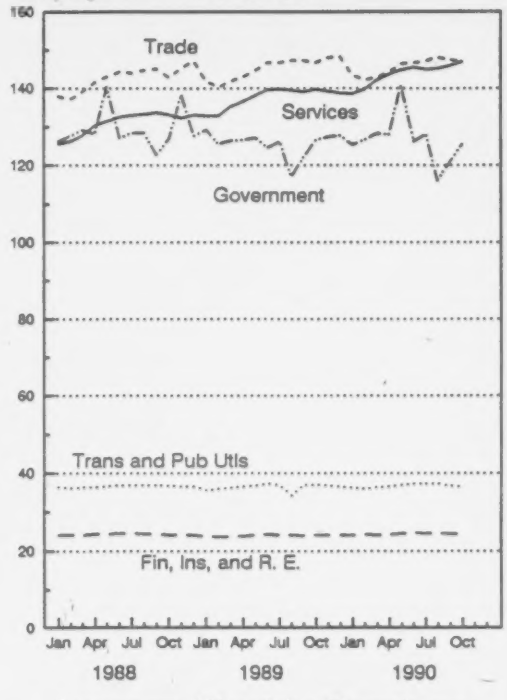
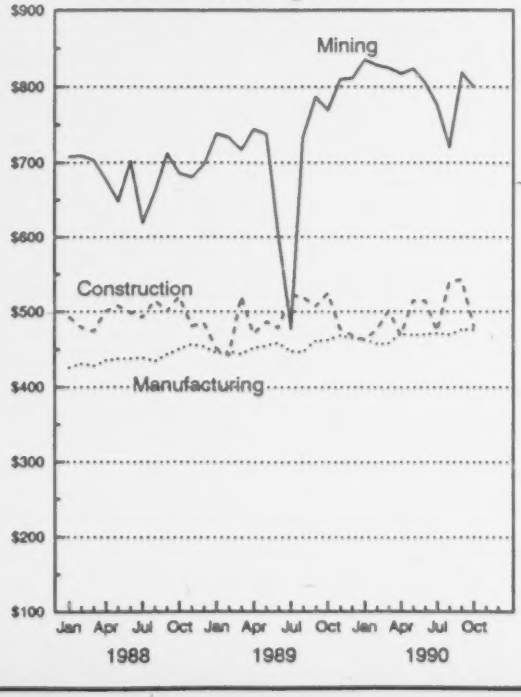


Average Weekly Earnings

Goods Producing Industries



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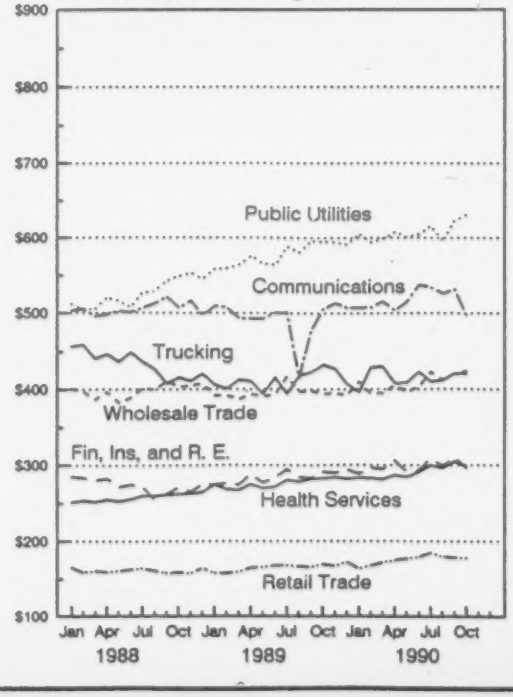


Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Change From: Oct. 1989
Civilian Labor Force	720.0	710.7	707.8	9.3	12.2
Total Employment	680.6	672.5	671.5	8.1	9.1
Total Unemployment	39.3	38.2	36.2	1.1	3.1
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.4	5.1	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
Civilian Labor Force	766.1	765.2	777.9	0.9	-11.8
Total Employment	703.9	696.1	704.6	7.8	-0.7
Total Unemployment	62.2	69.1	73.3	-6.9	-11.1
Unemployment Rate	8.1	9.0	9.4	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia increased 8,100 during the month to an estimated 680,600 in mid-October. The expansion was due in large part to a seasonal increase in the education sector, which typically boosts overall employment in the fall. Total employment now exceeds its October 1989 level by 9,100.

Payroll employment in the nonagricultural sectors of West Virginia's economy stood at 627,000 in mid-October, 4,900 more than a month ago. Employment at goods producing firms dipped slightly, although with disparate changes among industry components. Construction gained 300 as building contractors added more workers to complete contracts before winter, while manufacturing declined by 400 and mining lost 100. Widely scattered minor downturns plus labor-management disputes have accumulated to draw manufacturing employment down several thousand over the last few months. Seasonal gains continued to swell school employment, with the addition of 1,300 in private education, 1,600 at county schools, and 3,400 at state colleges and universities. The latter offset losses elsewhere to raise government employment 4,500 over the month. Trade is stronger than usual for this time of year. The seasonal loss of 700 in restaurants is the shallowest October decline since 1983, while nonseasonal trade expansions have added 300 to general merchandise stores and another 300 to food stores. Health services is also doing well, adding 200 to nursing homes and 200 to hospital employment. On the other hand, the seasonal slowdown in tourism contributed to losses of 400 in amusements and 200 in hotels, in addition to the previously mentioned decline in restaurants. Small losses occurred in trucking, insurance and real estate. Nonfarm payroll employment is now 4,200 ahead of last October, with gains in services outweighing losses in manufacturing and government.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents increased 1,100 to an estimated 39,300 in mid-October. The unemployment rate moved up slightly to 5.5 percent.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings Prelim. Oct.'90	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Sep.'90	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Oct.'89	Average Weekly Hours Prelim. Oct.'90	Average Weekly Hours Revised Sep.'90	Average Weekly Hours Revised Oct.'89	Average Hourly Earnings Prelim. Oct.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Sep.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Oct.'89
Manufacturing	$476.64	$475.53	$462.56	40.6	41.1	41.3	$11.74	$11.57	$11.20
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	442.52	437.65	428.40	39.3	39.9	40.0	11.26	11.47	10.71
Primary Metals Industries	631.19	629.15	574.56	43.5	43.6	42.0	14.51	14.43	13.68
Fabricated Metal Products	409.13	418.55	419.00	37.5	39.3	38.3	10.91	10.65	10.94
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	451.63	460.98	459.20	38.7	39.0	40.0	11.67	11.82	11.48
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	513.36	498.36	481.80	41.4	39.8	40.9	12.40	12.32	11.78
Chemical & Allied Products	731.89	700.67	719.36	46.1	44.8	46.5	16.31	15.64	15.47
Coal Mining	799.23	818.06	769.12	44.8	45.6	43.7	17.84	17.94	17.60
Construction	480.70	542.54	524.40	35.9	39.4	40.0	13.39	13.77	13.11

Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1990

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Change From: Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	627.0	622.1	622.8	4.9	4.2
GOODS PRODUCING	146.6	146.8	148.9	-0.2	-2.3
Mining	35.7	35.8	35.3	-0.1	0.4
Coal Mining	30.1	30.2	29.6	-0.1	0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.6	0.0	-0.1
Other Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	25.2	24.9	25.7	0.3	-0.5
General Building Contractors	7.0	6.6	7.2	0.4	-0.2
Heavy Construction	7.0	7.1	6.5	-0.1	0.5
Special Trade Contractors	11.2	11.2	12.0	0.0	-0.8
Manufacturing	85.7	86.1	87.9	-0.4	-2.2
Durable Goods	47.9	47.9	49.8	0.0	-1.9
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.5	7.5	7.5	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8.1	7.8	8.3	0.3	-0.2
Primary Metals Industries	14.4	14.6	14.9	-0.2	-0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	5.1	5.0	5.4	0.1	-0.3
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.6	5.6	6.0	0.0	-0.4
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.4	2.5	2.6	-0.1	-0.2
Transportation Equipment	2.4	2.5	2.6	-0.1	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.8	38.2	38.1	-0.4	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	4.5	4.5	4.1	0.0	0.4
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.1	4.1	4.4	0.0	-0.3
Paper & Allied Products	1.3	1.1	1.5	0.2	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.1	4.9	0.0	0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	17.5	18.0	17.8	-0.5	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.5	4.5	-0.1	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	480.4	475.3	473.9	5.1	6.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	36.6	36.7	37.0	-0.1	-0.4
Railroad Transportation	3.9	3.9	4.1	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	8.8	8.9	9.1	-0.1	-0.3
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.1	8.1	8.1	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.3	12.3	0.0	0.0
Trade	147.1	147.3	146.7	-0.2	0.4
Wholesale Trade	30.5	30.6	30.5	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	116.6	116.7	116.2	-0.1	0.4
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.3	5.3	5.2	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	16.8	16.5	19.2	0.3	-2.4
Food Stores	23.1	22.8	22.9	0.3	0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.7	14.8	14.5	-0.1	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	6.5	6.5	5.3	0.0	1.2
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.7	4.8	4.6	-0.1	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	34.5	35.2	33.5	-0.7	1.0
Miscellaneous Retail	11.0	10.8	11.0	0.2	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.3	24.5	24.1	-0.2	0.2
Finance	13.7	13.7	13.6	0.0	0.1
Insurance	6.5	6.6	6.4	-0.1	0.1
Real Estate	4.1	4.2	4.1	-0.1	0.0
Services	147.0	145.9	139.6	1.1	7.4
Agricultural Services	2.6	2.8	2.0	-0.2	0.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.0	9.2	8.1	-0.2	0.9
Personal Services	5.9	5.9	6.2	0.0	-0.3
Business Services	13.7	13.9	13.4	-0.2	0.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.0	6.0	5.8	0.0	0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.1	6.5	6.1	-0.4	0.0
Health Services	56.0	55.6	53.0	0.4	3.0
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.4	10.2	9.7	0.2	0.7
Hospitals	28.4	28.2	26.9	0.2	1.5
Other Health Services	17.2	17.2	16.4	0.0	0.8
Legal Services	3.9	3.8	3.5	0.1	0.4
Educational Services	6.2	4.9	5.6	1.3	0.6
Social Services	9.3	9.1	8.3	0.2	1.0
Membership Organizations	19.7	19.7	19.5	0.0	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	7.6	7.5	7.1	0.1	0.5
Government	125.4	120.9	126.5	4.5	-1.1
Federal	15.6	15.6	16.1	0.0	-0.5
Hospitals	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	4.9	4.9	5.2	0.0	-0.3
Other Federal	7.8	7.8	8.0	0.0	-0.2
State	40.1	36.9	39.7	3.2	0.4
Hospitals	2.8	2.7	2.9	0.1	-0.1
Education	18.7	15.3	17.7	3.4	1.0
Other State	18.6	18.9	19.1	-0.3	-0.5
Local	69.7	68.4	70.7	1.3	-1.0
Hospitals	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	0.1
Education	45.4	43.8	46.1	1.6	-0.7
Other Local	19.4	19.7	19.8	-0.3	-0.4
Total Private Sector	501.6	501.2	496.3	0.4	5.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.7	0.7	0.7	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

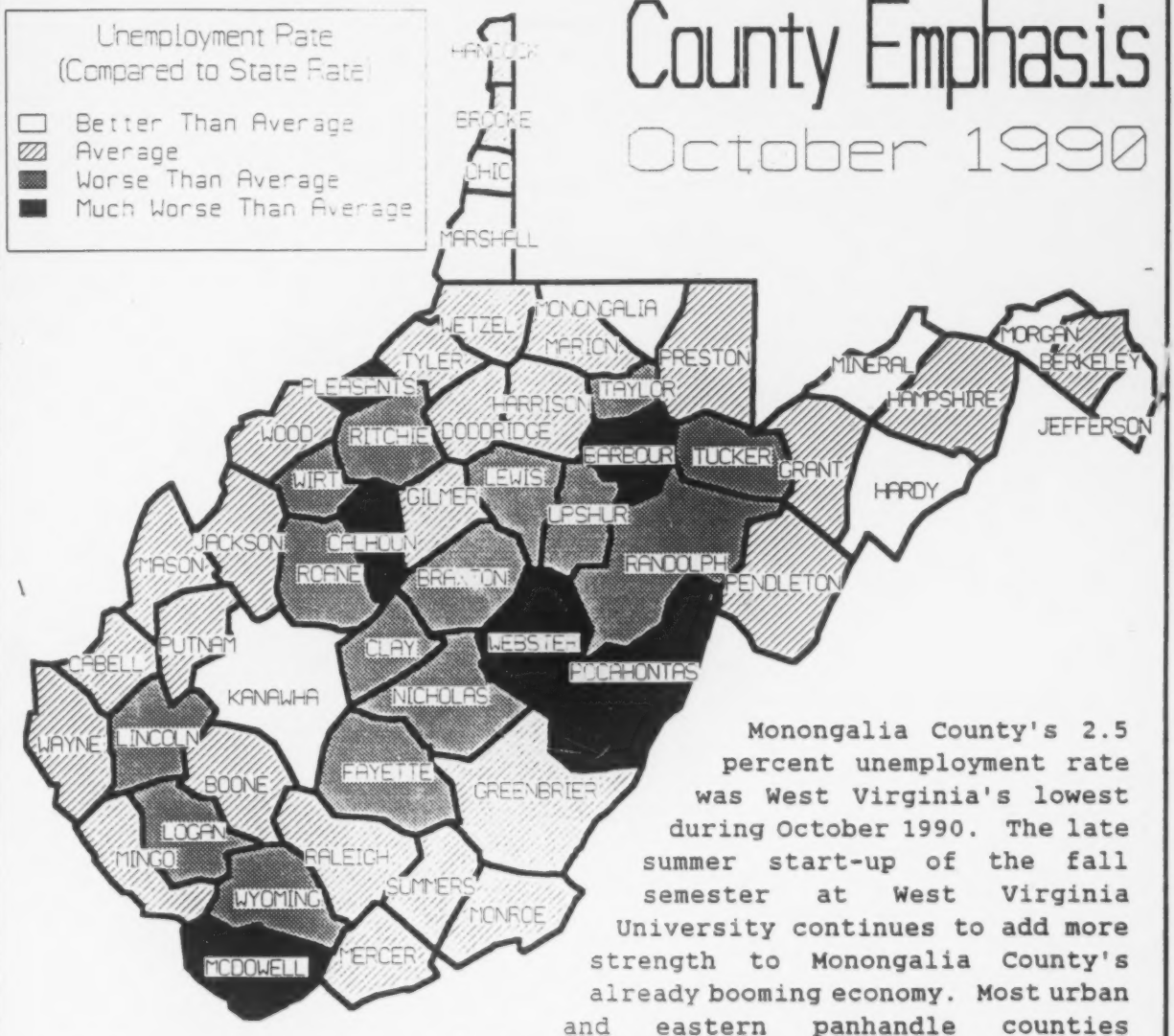
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1990

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Change From: Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	274.2	270.8	258.9	3.4	15.3
GOODS PRODUCING	24.0	23.9	24.1	0.1	-0.1
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	20.0	19.9	20.3	0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	7.8	7.7	8.1	0.1	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	0.1	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.2	12.2	12.2	0.0	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.3
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.5	0.0	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.1	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	3.0	3.1	2.9	-0.1	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	-0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	250.2	246.9	234.8	3.3	15.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.9	8.0	7.8	-0.1	0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Communications	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Trade	68.0	67.5	61.4	0.5	6.6
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.6	5.4	0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	62.3	61.9	56.0	0.4	6.3
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.2	11.0	11.2	0.2	0.0
Food Stores	11.9	11.7	10.1	0.2	1.8
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.4	3.4	3.0	0.0	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.4	5.4	4.2	0.0	1.2
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	19.8	20.0	17.5	-0.2	2.3
Miscellaneous Retail	8.1	7.9	7.6	0.2	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.0	15.1	15.3	-0.1	-0.3
Finance	10.5	10.5	9.9	0.0	0.6
Insurance	2.9	3.0	3.4	-0.1	-0.5
Real Estate	1.6	1.6	2.0	0.0	-0.4
Services	94.0	93.4	88.2	0.6	5.8
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.1	0.8	-0.1	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.7	4.8	3.8	-0.1	0.9
Personal Services	3.7	3.6	3.2	0.1	0.5
Business Services	6.7	6.9	6.0	-0.2	0.7
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.1	1.2	-0.1	-0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.8	3.0	2.6	-0.2	0.2
Health Services	45.6	45.4	43.1	0.2	2.5
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.0	8.8	7.6	0.2	1.4
Hospitals	23.2	23.0	22.0	0.2	1.2
Other Health Services	13.4	13.6	13.5	-0.2	-0.1
Legal Services	3.1	3.0	2.8	0.1	0.3
Educational Services	3.5	2.8	3.1	0.7	0.4
Social Services	6.6	6.4	5.8	0.2	0.8
Membership Organizations	12.0	11.9	12.2	0.1	-0.2
Engineering & Management Services	2.7	2.7	2.9	0.0	-0.2
Government	65.3	62.9	62.1	2.4	3.2
Federal	6.7	6.6	6.7	0.1	0.0
Hospitals	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	3.8	3.7	3.8	0.1	0.0
State	18.6	17.0	17.6	1.6	1.0
Hospitals	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Education	9.7	7.9	7.9	1.8	1.8
Other State	7.0	7.2	7.7	-0.2	-0.7
Local	40.0	39.3	37.8	0.7	2.2
Hospitals	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Education	29.2	28.4	27.4	0.8	1.8
Other Local	6.7	6.8	6.5	-0.1	0.2
Total Private Sector	208.9	207.9	196.8	1.0	12.1

County Emphasis

October 1990



Monongalia County's 2.5 percent unemployment rate was West Virginia's lowest during October 1990. The late summer start-up of the fall semester at West Virginia University continues to add more strength to Monongalia County's already booming economy. Most urban and eastern panhandle counties recorded unemployment rates that were below the statewide figure of 5.5 percent. Of the 19 counties that experienced rates below the state rate, seven were in the eastern panhandle area. Surprisingly, Ohio County, in the state's northern panhandle, recorded an unemployment rate of only 3.0 percent.

Unemployment rates above the statewide figure during October were experienced in the central, north central and southern coal field regions of West Virginia. Webster County recorded the highest unemployment (14.7 percent) during October 1990. Other counties recording double digit unemployment rates were Pleasants (11.2), McDowell (10.7), Pocahontas (10.3) and Calhoun (10.1).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Division of Employment Security)**

October 1990
(Revised September 1990 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,930	(4,710)	4,440	(4,280)	480	(430)	9.8	(9.2)
Berkeley	26,640	(26,200)	25,390	(25,070)	1,250	(1,130)	4.7	(4.3)
Boone	7,770	(7,750)	7,350	(7,290)	420	(470)	5.4	(6.0)
Braxton	5,490	(5,370)	5,070	(5,040)	420	(330)	7.6	(6.2)
Brooke	10,520	(10,390)	9,970	(9,880)	550	(510)	5.2	(4.9)
Cabell	42,750	(41,660)	40,730	(40,070)	2,020	(1,590)	4.7	(3.8)
Calhoun	2,990	(3,030)	2,690	(2,740)	300	(290)	10.1	(9.6)
Clay	2,620	(2,660)	2,370	(2,390)	250	(270)	9.5	(10.0)
Doddridge	2,320	(2,330)	2,210	(2,170)	110	(170)	4.6	(7.1)
Fayette	16,720	(16,430)	15,500	(15,260)	1,220	(1,170)	7.3	(7.1)
Gilmer	2,990	(2,740)	2,820	(2,610)	170	(120)	5.7	(4.5)
Grant	4,210	(4,050)	3,990	(3,790)	230	(250)	5.4	(6.2)
Greenbrier	14,540	(14,570)	13,640	(13,600)	910	(970)	6.2	(6.7)
Hampshire	6,650	(6,690)	6,260	(6,190)	400	(500)	6.0	(7.5)
Hancock	14,070	(13,820)	13,350	(13,240)	720	(580)	5.1	(4.2)
Hardy	5,700	(5,650)	5,490	(5,480)	210	(170)	3.7	(3.0)
Harrison	28,750	(28,280)	27,110	(26,580)	1,650	(1,700)	5.7	(6.0)
Jackson	9,000	(8,850)	8,440	(8,250)	560	(590)	6.2	(6.7)
Jefferson	19,610	(19,050)	18,860	(18,450)	750	(600)	3.8	(3.1)
Kanawha	96,410	(95,730)	92,690	(91,970)	3,710	(3,760)	3.9	(3.9)
Lewis	6,750	(6,800)	6,300	(6,260)	450	(540)	6.7	(8.0)
Lincoln	7,140	(7,050)	6,480	(6,420)	670	(630)	9.3	(9.0)
Logan	12,950	(12,750)	11,910	(11,750)	1,040	(1,000)	8.0	(7.8)
McDowell	6,270	(6,230)	5,600	(5,490)	670	(740)	10.7	(11.9)
Marion	21,410	(21,080)	20,160	(19,930)	1,250	(1,150)	5.8	(5.5)
Marshall	14,420	(14,280)	13,830	(13,640)	590	(630)	4.1	(4.4)
Mason	8,160	(8,240)	7,650	(7,640)	510	(600)	6.2	(7.3)
Mercer	25,900	(25,540)	24,480	(24,190)	1,430	(1,360)	5.5	(5.3)
Mineral	10,410	(10,390)	10,080	(9,970)	330	(420)	3.2	(4.1)
Mingo	9,950	(10,160)	9,320	(9,510)	630	(650)	6.3	(6.4)
Monongalia	38,340	(37,840)	37,390	(36,970)	950	(870)	2.5	(2.3)
Monroe	5,050	(5,040)	4,810	(4,790)	250	(250)	4.9	(5.0)
Morgan	4,990	(5,000)	4,820	(4,750)	160	(250)	3.3	(5.0)
Nicholas	8,470	(8,580)	7,670	(7,710)	800	(870)	9.4	(10.1)
Ohio	24,150	(23,850)	23,430	(23,120)	720	(740)	3.0	(3.1)
Pendleton	3,900	(3,950)	3,720	(3,850)	180	(100)	4.5	(2.5)
Pleasants	2,260	(2,270)	2,010	(2,080)	250	(200)	11.2	(8.6)
Pocahontas	4,400	(4,330)	3,940	(3,890)	460	(440)	10.3	(10.2)
Preston	12,390	(12,150)	11,650	(11,520)	740	(630)	6.0	(5.2)
Putnam	16,620	(16,180)	15,550	(15,430)	1,080	(750)	6.5	(4.6)
Raleigh	26,470	(26,180)	24,860	(24,600)	1,610	(1,580)	6.1	(6.0)
Randolph	11,550	(11,280)	10,460	(10,280)	1,090	(1,010)	9.5	(8.9)
Ritchie	4,830	(4,830)	4,500	(4,440)	330	(390)	6.8	(8.1)
Roane	4,530	(4,530)	4,110	(4,100)	420	(430)	9.2	(9.4)
Summers	4,040	(4,060)	3,810	(3,840)	240	(220)	5.9	(5.5)
Taylor	5,750	(5,560)	5,310	(5,210)	440	(360)	7.7	(6.4)
Tucker	3,870	(3,850)	3,570	(3,580)	300	(280)	7.6	(7.1)
Tyler	4,480	(4,510)	4,230	(4,230)	250	(280)	5.7	(6.1)
Upshur	8,600	(7,910)	7,970	(7,360)	630	(540)	7.3	(6.9)
Wayne	15,560	(15,150)	14,610	(14,380)	950	(780)	6.1	(5.1)
Webster	2,950	(2,950)	2,520	(2,530)	430	(430)	14.7	(14.4)
Wetzel	8,700	(8,750)	8,270	(8,280)	430	(470)	4.9	(5.4)
Wirt	2,490	(2,510)	2,280	(2,260)	210	(250)	8.5	(10.0)
Wood	40,800	(40,370)	38,760	(38,220)	2,040	(2,150)	5.0	(5.3)
Wyoming	6,730	(6,570)	6,190	(5,950)	530	(630)	7.9	(9.5)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Division of Employment Security and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data – Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

October 1990
(Revised September 1990 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,360	(5,210)	4,590	(4,430)	770	(780)	14.3	(15.0)
Berkeley	28,240	(27,990)	26,260	(25,950)	1,980	(2,040)	7.0	(7.3)
Boone	8,260	(8,390)	7,600	(7,540)	660	(840)	8.0	(10.1)
Braxton	5,910	(5,810)	5,250	(5,210)	660	(600)	11.1	(10.3)
Brooke	11,180	(11,140)	10,310	(10,230)	870	(920)	7.8	(8.2)
Cabell	45,320	(44,350)	42,120	(41,480)	3,200	(2,870)	7.1	(6.5)
Calhoun	3,260	(3,360)	2,780	(2,830)	480	(530)	14.6	(15.7)
Clay	2,850	(2,960)	2,460	(2,480)	390	(480)	13.8	(16.3)
Doddridge	2,460	(2,540)	2,290	(2,250)	170	(300)	6.8	(11.7)
Fayette	17,950	(17,910)	16,030	(15,800)	1,920	(2,120)	10.7	(11.8)
Gilmer	3,190	(2,930)	2,920	(2,710)	270	(220)	8.5	(7.6)
Grant	4,480	(4,380)	4,120	(3,930)	360	(450)	8.1	(10.4)
Greenbrier	15,540	(15,840)	14,100	(14,080)	1,440	(1,760)	9.2	(11.1)
Hampshire	7,100	(7,310)	6,470	(6,400)	630	(910)	8.8	(12.4)
Hancock	14,950	(14,750)	13,810	(13,700)	1,140	(1,050)	7.6	(7.1)
Hardy	6,010	(5,980)	5,680	(5,680)	330	(310)	5.5	(5.1)
Harrison	30,630	(30,590)	28,030	(27,510)	2,600	(3,070)	8.5	(10.1)
Jackson	9,620	(9,620)	8,730	(8,540)	890	(1,070)	9.2	(11.1)
Jefferson	20,690	(20,180)	19,510	(19,100)	1,180	(1,080)	5.7	(5.3)
Kanawha	101,740	(101,990)	95,860	(95,200)	5,880	(6,800)	5.8	(6.7)
Lewis	7,230	(7,460)	6,520	(6,470)	710	(980)	9.9	(13.2)
Lincoln	7,750	(7,790)	6,700	(6,640)	1,050	(1,140)	13.6	(14.7)
Logan	13,970	(13,970)	12,320	(12,160)	1,650	(1,800)	11.8	(12.9)
McDowell	6,850	(7,020)	5,790	(5,680)	1,060	(1,340)	15.5	(19.1)
Marion	22,820	(22,710)	20,850	(20,620)	1,970	(2,090)	8.6	(9.2)
Marshall	15,240	(15,270)	14,300	(14,120)	940	(1,140)	6.1	(7.5)
Mason	8,710	(8,990)	7,910	(7,910)	800	(1,090)	9.2	(12.1)
Mercer	27,570	(27,490)	25,310	(25,040)	2,250	(2,450)	8.2	(8.9)
Mineral	10,950	(11,090)	10,430	(10,320)	520	(770)	4.8	(6.9)
Mingo	10,640	(11,030)	9,640	(9,840)	1,000	(1,180)	9.4	(10.7)
Monongalia	40,170	(39,840)	38,670	(38,260)	1,500	(1,580)	3.7	(4.0)
Monroe	5,360	(5,410)	4,970	(4,960)	390	(450)	7.3	(8.4)
Morgan	5,250	(5,370)	4,990	(4,920)	260	(450)	4.9	(8.4)
Nicholas	9,190	(9,550)	7,940	(7,980)	1,260	(1,570)	13.7	(16.4)
Ohio	25,370	(25,260)	24,230	(23,930)	1,140	(1,330)	4.5	(5.3)
Pendleton	4,130	(4,160)	3,850	(3,980)	280	(180)	6.7	(4.3)
Pleasants	2,480	(2,510)	2,080	(2,150)	400	(360)	16.1	(14.2)
Pocahontas	4,800	(4,820)	4,080	(4,020)	720	(800)	15.0	(16.5)
Preston	13,220	(13,060)	12,050	(11,920)	1,170	(1,140)	8.9	(8.8)
Putnam	17,780	(17,330)	16,080	(15,970)	1,700	(1,360)	9.6	(7.8)
Raleigh	28,250	(28,320)	25,710	(25,460)	2,540	(2,860)	9.0	(10.1)
Randolph	12,540	(12,460)	10,810	(10,640)	1,730	(1,820)	13.8	(14.6)
Ritchie	5,170	(5,300)	4,650	(4,590)	520	(710)	10.1	(13.3)
Roane	4,920	(5,010)	4,260	(4,240)	660	(770)	13.4	(15.4)
Summers	4,310	(4,380)	3,940	(3,980)	380	(400)	8.7	(9.2)
Taylor	6,190	(6,030)	5,490	(5,390)	700	(640)	11.3	(10.6)
Tucker	4,160	(4,200)	3,700	(3,710)	470	(500)	11.2	(11.8)
Tyler	4,780	(4,880)	4,380	(4,380)	400	(500)	8.4	(10.3)
Upshur	9,230	(8,600)	8,240	(7,620)	990	(980)	10.8	(11.4)
Wayne	16,620	(16,290)	15,110	(14,880)	1,510	(1,410)	9.1	(8.6)
Webster	3,290	(3,390)	2,600	(2,620)	690	(770)	20.9	(22.7)
Wetzel	9,230	(9,430)	8,550	(8,570)	680	(860)	7.4	(9.1)
Wirt	2,690	(2,790)	2,360	(2,340)	340	(450)	12.4	(16.3)
Wood	43,320	(43,450)	40,090	(39,560)	3,230	(3,890)	7.4	(8.9)
Wyoming	7,250	(7,290)	6,400	(6,160)	840	(1,130)	11.6	(15.5)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	113.0	111.9	108.1
Employment	108.2	107.4	103.9
Unemployment	4.8	4.5	4.2
Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	3.9
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	125.7	123.2	124.5
Employment	120.2	118.5	120.5
Unemployment	5.5	4.7	4.1
Rate (%)	4.4	3.8	3.3
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.4	68.7	68.2
Employment	66.6	65.8	65.8
Unemployment	2.8	3.0	2.4
Rate (%)	4.1	4.3	3.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.9	68.2	67.5
Employment	66.9	66.1	65.3
Unemployment	2.0	2.1	2.2
Rate (%)	3.0	3.0	3.2
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	36.8	36.2	35.6
Employment	34.6	34.0	33.5
Unemployment	2.2	2.2	2.0
Rate (%)	6.0	6.1	5.7
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.4	11.5	12.1
Employment	10.2	10.2	11.0
Unemployment	1.2	1.3	1.1
Rate (%)	10.8	11.2	9.0
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	50.7	50.0	49.6
Employment	49.0	48.5	48.2
Unemployment	1.7	1.5	1.3
Rate (%)	3.3	3.0	2.7
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.2	13.3	13.5
Employment	12.5	12.5	12.6
Unemployment	0.7	0.8	0.8
Rate (%)	5.2	5.7	6.2
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.6	19.6	19.3
Employment	18.4	18.4	18.4
Unemployment	1.2	1.2	1.0
Rate (%)	5.9	6.2	5.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.5	119.3	117.6
Employment	111.9	111.2	109.0
Unemployment	7.6	8.2	8.6
Rate (%)	6.3	6.8	7.3
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	131.3	128.9	131.6
Employment	122.4	120.7	123.7
Unemployment	8.9	8.3	7.9
Rate (%)	6.8	6.4	6.0
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.1	72.9	73.6
Employment	68.4	67.6	68.6
Unemployment	4.7	5.3	5.0
Rate (%)	6.5	7.3	6.8
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.1	71.6	72.7
Employment	68.7	67.9	68.1
Unemployment	3.4	3.7	4.5
Rate (%)	4.8	5.2	6.2
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	39.3	39.2	39.3
Employment	35.8	35.1	35.2
Unemployment	3.5	4.0	4.1
Rate (%)	8.8	10.2	10.5
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.5	12.9	13.8
Employment	10.5	10.6	11.6
Unemployment	1.9	2.3	2.2
Rate (%)	15.6	18.1	16.0
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.4	52.9	53.3
Employment	50.7	50.2	50.6
Unemployment	2.7	2.7	2.7
Rate (%)	5.0	5.1	5.0
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.0	14.3	15.0
Employment	12.9	13.0	13.3
Unemployment	1.1	1.4	1.7
Rate (%)	7.7	9.5	11.2
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.9	21.3	21.2
Employment	19.1	19.0	19.3
Unemployment	1.8	2.2	2.0
Rate (%)	8.7	10.4	9.2

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural payroll employment in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area declined slightly (-200) during October 1990. In the goods-producing sector declines were noted in mining (-100) and manufacturing (-400), with the only increase being in construction (+200). The service-producing sector showed an increase in retail trade (+300) and declines in transportation and public utilities (-100) and health services (-100). Comparison with year-ago October 1989 data reveals an increase of 3,700 jobs. Major increases appeared in construction (+1,700), retail trade (+1,100), and services (+1,300).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased during October 1990 (+300) in the Charleston MSA. The unemployment rate also rose from 4.0 percent to 4.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a 600 increase in total unemployment, while the corresponding unemployment rate increased from 3.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	113.0	111.9	108.1
Employment	108.2	107.4	103.9
Unemployment	4.8	4.5	4.2
Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	3.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	119.5	119.3	117.6
Employment	111.9	111.2	109.0
Unemployment	7.6	8.2	8.6
Rate (%)	6.3	6.8	7.3

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Change From: Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	112.7	112.9	109.0	-0.2	3.7
GOODS PRODUCING	18.4	18.7	16.7	-0.3	1.7
Mining	1.9	2.0	1.9	-0.1	0.0
Construction	5.9	5.7	4.2	0.2	1.7
Manufacturing	10.6	11.0	10.6	-0.4	0.0
Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	9.0	9.4	9.1	-0.4	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	7.5	7.9	7.8	-0.4	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	94.3	94.2	92.3	0.1	2.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.1	9.2	9.1	-0.1	0.0
Trade	30.3	30.0	29.1	0.3	1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	7.2	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	23.0	22.7	21.9	0.3	1.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	-0.1
Services	28.8	28.9	27.5	-0.1	1.3
Health Services	10.7	10.8	10.3	-0.1	0.4
Government	19.9	19.9	20.3	0.0	-0.4
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
State	9.6	9.7	9.9	-0.1	-0.3
Local	8.6	8.5	8.7	0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.4	0.1	0.0	XX	XX

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Manufacturing	$630.26	$614.27	$622.17	43.6	43.3	44.6	$14.26	$13.56	$13.95
Nondurable Goods	696.57	640.89	663.65	46.3	45.3	45.3	14.98	14.13	14.65
Chemical & Allied Products	806.36	731.64	746.23	48.5	46.9	47.2	16.63	15.60	15.81

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia;
Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 1,100 during October in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. Much of the increase occurred in the service-producing sector in government. State government increased by 400 and local government added 700. The increase in government reflects student workers in state and local government. Both are seasonal fluctuations. The goods-producing sector lost 200 during October primarily in construction (-100) and manufacturing (-100). Over the year nonagricultural employment fell by 800. The service-producing sector increased by 800, but the goods-producing sector declined by 1,600 jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased (+800) during October 1990. The current level of unemployment experienced during October 1990 is 1,400 higher during October 1989. The unemployment rate for October 1990 is 4.4 percent compared to 3.3 percent for October 1989.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	125.7	123.2	124.5
Employment	120.2	118.5	120.5
Unemployment	5.5	4.7	4.1
Rate (%)	4.4	3.8	3.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	131.3	128.9	131.6
Employment	122.4	120.7	123.7
Unemployment	8.9	8.3	7.9
Rate (%)	6.8	6.4	6.0

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Change From: Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	111.5	110.4	112.3	1.1	-0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	27.2	27.4	28.8	-0.2	-1.6
Mining	1.7	1.7	1.4	0.0	0.3
Construction	5.0	5.1	6.7	-0.1	-1.7
Manufacturing	20.5	20.6	20.7	-0.1	-0.2
Durable Goods	12.0	12.2	12.2	-0.2	-0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.7	1.7	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	7.7	7.7	7.7	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	2.8	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.4	8.5	0.1	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.0	-0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	84.3	83.0	83.5	1.3	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.0	8.0	8.1	0.0	-0.1
Trade	28.4	28.2	28.1	0.2	0.3
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	22.9	22.7	22.6	0.2	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	24.7	24.7	24.2	0.0	0.5
Health Services	10.3	10.2	10.0	0.1	0.3
Government	19.3	18.2	19.3	1.1	0.0
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
State	5.0	4.6	5.1	0.4	-0.1
Local	11.5	10.8	11.4	0.7	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	XX	XX

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings Prelim. Oct.'90	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Sep.'90	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Oct.'89	Average Weekly Hours Prelim. Oct.'90	Average Weekly Hours Revised Sep.'90	Average Weekly Hours Revised Oct.'89	Average Hourly Earnings Prelim. Oct.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Sep.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Oct.'89
Manufacturing	$597.49	$553.36	$550.39	41.9	41.7	42.6	$14.26	$13.27	$12.92
Durable Goods	667.01	593.31	568.88	43.3	43.1	41.3	15.44	13.81	13.29
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	522.00	533.20	476.08	42.9	43.0	41.5	12.17	12.40	11.52
Primary Metals Industries	770.35	644.28	597.37	43.4	42.8	40.2	17.75	15.10	14.86
Nondurable Goods	495.20	491.49	530.91	40.8	39.7	44.5	12.30	12.39	12.26

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural payroll employment rose sharply (+800) during October 1990 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. Goods-producing employment provided a picture of economic health increasing 500 over the previous month. Gains were realized in stone, clay and glass products (+300) as well as primary metals (+200). Service producing employment increased 300 with moderate advances posted in state (+200) and local (+200) government. By comparing total nonagricultural payroll employment to October year-ago reveals an improvement of 400 jobs. Goods-producing businesses did not participate in this progress however, absorbing a net loss of 600 for the year. A sharp fall in construction (-700) was unaffected by a gain (+100) in manufacturing. The service producing sector, on the other hand, added the most new jobs. Services (+500) was up noticeably while trade (+200) and state (+200) and local (+200) government edged upward.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA declines (-200) during October 1990. The unemployment rate reflected this movement by falling to 4.1 percent of the labor force. Compared to October 1989, the unemployment rate experienced an increase, rising from 3.6 to 4.1 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	69.4	68.7	68.2
Employment	66.6	65.8	65.8
Unemployment	2.8	3.0	2.4
Rate (%)	4.1	4.3	3.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	73.1	72.9	73.6
Employment	68.4	67.6	68.6
Unemployment	4.7	5.3	5.0
Rate (%)	6.5	7.3	6.8

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	62.6	61.8	62.2	0.8	0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	17.7	17.2	18.3	0.5	-0.6
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	3.1	3.1	3.8	0.0	-0.7
Manufacturing	14.1	13.6	14.0	0.5	0.1
Durable Goods	7.0	6.5	7.0	0.5	0.0
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.4	1.8	0.3	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	2.9	2.7	2.8	0.2	0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.1	7.1	7.0	0.0	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	5.3	5.3	5.2	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.9	44.6	43.9	0.3	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Trade	15.3	15.4	15.1	-0.1	0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	12.5	12.6	12.2	-0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Services	15.1	15.1	14.6	0.0	0.5
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Government	9.8	9.4	9.4	0.4	0.4
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.2	0.2
Local	6.8	6.6	6.6	0.2	0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.4	0.0	XX	XX

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Manufacturing	$560.73	$568.99	$561.16	41.2	41.8	43.1	$13.61	$13.39	$13.02
Durable Goods	466.88	467.68	462.16	38.2	38.1	41.1	12.22	11.75	11.73
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	561.17	568.06	525.74	43.3	43.1	43.2	12.96	13.18	12.17
Primary Metals Industries	464.30	417.62	527.36	35.3	34.6	41.2	13.15	12.07	12.80
Nondurable Goods	673.79	660.79	655.86	44.8	44.2	45.8	15.04	14.95	14.41

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 600 during October 1990 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. This increase occurred primarily in the service-producing sector (+500), with total government up by 400 over the month. The goods-producing sector recorded only a slight increase (+100) during October 1990. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a significant increase of 1,400. Surprisingly, the goods-producing sector increased by some 800 jobs over the year, with manufacturing (+300), mining (+300) and construction (+200) all showing gains. The service-producing sector advanced 600 over the year, with total trade up by 400.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment declined slightly (-100) during October 1990, while the corresponding unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.0 percent of the civilian labor force. The current figure is slightly below the year-ago 3.2 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	68.9	68.2	67.5
Employment	66.9	66.1	65.3
Unemployment	2.0	2.1	2.2
Rate (%)	3.0	3.0	3.2

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	72.1	71.6	72.7
Employment	68.7	67.9	68.1
Unemployment	3.4	3.7	4.5
Rate (%)	4.8	5.2	6.2

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	62.0	61.4	60.6	0.6	1.4
GOODS PRODUCING	12.5	12.4	11.7	0.1	0.8
Mining	2.5	2.5	2.2	0.0	0.3
Construction	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	7.6	7.5	7.3	0.1	0.3
Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.5	49.0	48.9	0.5	0.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.4	3.4	3.5	0.0	-0.1
Trade	17.0	17.0	16.6	0.0	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	14.1	14.1	13.8	0.0	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2
Services	16.8	16.7	16.6	0.1	0.2
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Government	9.2	8.8	9.3	0.4	-0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.8	1.6	1.8	0.2	0.0
Local	6.7	6.5	6.8	0.2	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Manufacturing	$391.68	$362.79	$353.28	43.6	42.7	42.3	$13.57	$13.18	$13.08
Nondurable Goods	360.77	327.20	305.63	43.5	41.3	42.3	13.19	14.46	14.25
Durable Goods	416.97	325.10	397.20	43.7	44.2	42.1	11.83	11.88	11.81

Applicants and Nonagricultural Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	90,342	41,990	20,447	3,608	2,381	15,462	4.4	11.6
Professional, Technical & Managerial	8,717	4,532	474	176	104	166	18.4	25.8
Clerical & Sales	25,485	11,254	3,591	1,110	739	2,248	7.1	10.1
Services	11,257	4,638	2,805	677	367	1,658	4.0	6.9
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	643	251	67	8	5	39	9.6	31.4
Processing	5,741	3,237	370	167	58	210	15.5	19.4
Machine Trades	5,887	3,135	537	228	177	215	11.0	13.8
Benchwork	4,028	2,120	739	190	113	538	5.5	11.2
Structural Work	13,488	6,799	1,064	350	266	555	12.7	19.4
Miscellaneous	17,117	6,797	10,800	702	552	9,833	1.6	9.7
Transportation	3,752	2,016	453	164	83	194	8.3	12.3
Packaging & Materials Handling	11,512	3,723	10,222	489	425	9,550	1.1	7.6
Other 4/	1,853	1,058	125	49	44	89	14.8	21.6
Entry Total 5/	64	19	0	0	0	6/	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.
2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through October 31, 1990. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.
3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.
4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.
5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	October 1990	September 1990	October 1989	Percent Change to October 1990 from: Sept. 1990	Oct. 1989
Total Initial Claims 1/	8,494	5,390	6,030	57.6	40.9
Total Continued Weeks	60,769	51,180	52,585	18.7	15.6
Total Benefits Paid	$7,350,434	$5,966,670	$6,014,734	23.2	22.2
Total Weeks Compensated	50,919	41,911	43,323	21.5	17.5
Average Weekly Payment	$144.36	$142.37	$138.83	1.4	4.0
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	2.3	2.2	2.1	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$155,076,011	$155,414,696	$143,902,677	-0.2	7.8

1/ Excluding transitional claims.
2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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